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THE PROPHECIES, AND Predictions, FOR London's Deliverance :



WITH
The Conjunction, Effects, and Influences
of the Superiour Planets, the Causes thereof, and the probability of the happy abatement of the present *Dismal Pestilence*, (according to Natural Causes the *Time* when, and the *Weeks* and *Months* fore-told, when the City of *London* will be freed and acquitted from the Violent Raging of this Destructive Enemy.

The Appearance of which *Great Pest* was predicted by
the Learned

Mr. LILLY.

Mr. BOOKER,

Mr. GADBURY,

Mr. TRIGGE,

AND

Mr. ANDREWS.

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D*earth* is not a greater Enemy to Nature, than the *P. Silence* is a Friend to Death; and though it be so grievous a Disease, against which there is yet known no general nor infalible Medicine; yet sometimes, either by the strength of Nature, or help of Physick, it hath been cur'd. Now to inform you of the Causes of this particular great *P.* we now labour under, they are these. 1. The great Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Jupiter* Octob. 10 1663 in the Celestial sign *Sagittary*. 2. A Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars*, Nov. 12. 1664 in *Sagittary* 3. An opposition of the Sun and *Saturn*, June 5. 1664. 4. The Apparition of Three Comets in the latter end of 1664. and beginning of 1665. 5. The Transit of *Saturn* through *Sagittary*, unto his greatest dignities, there to continue for above 5 years together. All which are Causes so powerfully

werfully impelling, that it is to be feared the *Pestilence* we now partake of, will not be the one *mortality* of the *Effects* thence to ensue, or thereon depending. By this connexion of *Causes*, it is somewhat apparent that this *Pest* should have took its *beginning* at the latter end of 1664. and truly had not the *Winter* then been so extremely sharp (it having a *Frost* of almost ten weeks continuance together) to have kept it back, it had beyond all question broke forth then. Nay, and break forth it did then too, as the Learned Artift in *Astrologie* Mr. *Gadbury*, can experimentally testifie, having been personally visited with it at *Christmas* that year. And many other Patients of Mr. *Johas. Wetherwood* the Chirurgeon, were then also afflicted with the same Distemper, and yet obtained cure against it, the *Air* being then so friendly to *Nature*, and an *Enemy* unto the *Pestilence*. But now let us consider its progress and increase, with the causes thereof, and the possibility of its abatement, with the time when. In this matter I shall consult but not trouble you with the Figure of the *Suns* Ingress into the Equinoctial Sign *Aries*, for the year 1665. and thence draw down the several Arguments of *encrease* and *abatement*; and because the *Pestilence* was hardly perceptible until the Month of *June*, I will begin there.

This Month, (as if *God* and *Nature* had appointed the Sicknesse to be *Ominous* in earnest to these Nations) we may observe two most fatal transits to usher it in, *viz.* *Mars* his then coming to the opposite point of the Ascendant, and the *Sun* to the opposite point of *Saturn*; a beginning of a sickness so mischievous, that greater can hardly be; *God* grant the end be not as *inuspicious*; and although (I presume) it will not be of many Months continuance to this great City, yet we are not to suppose a *Pestilence* ended, when it seemingly acquits one place.

In the moneth of *July* it began to encrease considerably, especially toward the latter end thereof: there were then six oppositions of the Erratick Stars, and two Eclipses; and to add to these, *Mars*, *Venus*, and *Mercury*, then came to the Quadrate place of the *Sun*, and to the opposite point of *Saturn* by transit; and the *Sun* then came to the opposition of *Jupiter* both by transit and aspect: all which were very great arguments of its encrease.

In the Month of *Aug.* *Saturn* comes to the Quadrate place of the *Sun*, and will be stationary upon it all the Month; the two Eclipses last Month do now begin to operate, which are testimonies of very great augmentation: howbeit the fortunate Planet *Venus* coming to the Sextile of her own place, and of the *Moons*, at the beginning

of the Month; and coming to a Trine of the Sun, the latter end thereof, may so happily contemper the fury of it, that it may not [now] encrease or augment to any exceeding great height.

A part of Septem. is like to prove somewhat dangerous, because Saturn is in a manner still stationary, and the Sun and Saturn then come to a Quadrate aspect, and this in ill points of the Vernal Figure, Mars and Jupiter (who is *Dominus Ascendens*) then also come to an opposition, and both in square of Luna's place; whence it is probable, that in the second and last weeks of this Month, the Pest may admit of an abatement; but indeed, I much fear about the middle of the month an encrease considerable: nevertheless, I hope, and rationally believe (*savente Deo*) that this Pestilence cannot ascend to any higher degree, than it may at that time reach unto.

The Month of October seems to promise well, and the Distemper therein cannot meet with any eminent cause for augmentation: yet I suppose the second and last week will make some slight Offers at an encrease, because then the Sun comes to the opposite place of the Moon: and Venus hath a progressionall motion to the opposition of the Sun, and Quartile of Saturn's places.

November and December in this respect (God not frustrating the course of second Causes, or taking advantage of us for our sins) I question not will prove very kindly; and the City of London will begin to be in a better heart, than in many Moneths before. However, it cannot be supposed that this Pestilence should in so short a time totally vanish; or that so great a Sickneſs should not leave some unkind impressions behind it; but in comparison of what it hath been, I dare assert, that we shall [then] be (in a manner) wholly acquitted from it, and its violent raging, destructive Qualities and Company.

Lately, London hath at present been the Patient, and hath felt the force of the Almightyes scourge to purpose; while most other places of England have escaped the lash. I wish with all my soul, that London might be the Scape-Goat for them all: but ah, I fear, before the Planet Saturn be gotten quite out of Capricorn, that the other parts of this Nation will drink deep of the same Cup. God and Nature punish none by proxy. It will not be this Cities suffering, that can excuse other Towns and Cities, from the violent stroak of so insatiate an Enemy. Thus much for the Predictions of the Learned Gadbury.

And

And now a word or two touching the present Pest, whether it be infectious or catching: If any Diseases be infectious or contagious, to any person or persons, it is their fear and imagination; and the timidity of their Affections that occasion it. Cast off then the love of the World, let the distrust of Gods mercy be far from you, use the exercise of a holy life, and good conversation; and because it is Gods doing, repine not at his Providence, but use these supernatural Remedies, it being a most evident Truth, that Faith is the best Fence against Fear. Patience the best Plaister against Sores; Repenrance the best Restorative; and Prayer the best Antidote. These are the onely Remedies against Passions, Terrors, Fears, Frights, and Imaginations, which are more easily discoursed of, than removed. When, nay, and before you are forsaken of Friends, and hear nothing but Complaints of Neighbours, the crying of Wives and Children, the mourning of Husbands and Parents, the sorrowing of Kinsfolks and Allies, the Sicknes spreading, the Pestilence raging, & the Plague encreasing from Tens to Hundreds, and from Hundreds to Thousands. But (God not altering or suspending the power he hath given to second Causes) this Pest will abate about the latter end of Septemb. 1665. and then grow less apace. As those persons which fly from the Plague, are the most
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subject unto it; so hence it is, that the Countiees
 round about us, come to be so suddenly seized with
 this sicknels; the Fears of the Heartleis Fugitives, be-
 ing as so many nimble Chariots, to convey it unto
 the places whither they fly or travel. If men be a-
 fraid to trust God, it is no wonder that he refuses to
 protect them. How many are there, that by flying
 from dangers, have fallen into the midst of dan-
 gers? When men plot to save themselves, their con-
 trivances often procure their ruine. In the year 1348
 when that great and terrible Pest hapned, many
 people not only changed their Habitation, but thir
 Nation also, in hopes to avoid it. But behold, they
 that refused to trust God at Land, were overtaken
 by that his judgment at Sea, and were forced to
 make their Graves in the Bellies of Fishes. But some
 there are that say, they fly not from God, but from
 his Plague: Alas, Gods judgments are never sepa-
 rate from him; the Rod of his Anger is of such a
 Longitude, that it can reach us every where. But that
 the shutting up of people in a time of Sicknells and
 denying the advantage of the Air, is certainly
 a great cause of the encrease of the Contagion. For
 by how much the more Men are abridged their cu-
 stomary liberty, by so much the more are they sub-
 ject to Fear; and the greater their Fear is, the sooner
 do they meet the Ill they dread. And we in this age,
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shut up not onely the unclean, but the Sound and
 sick together, (the onely way to be rid of all, if at
 the least there be such a thing as Infection.) For in
 the time of the *Leuitical Law*, men were not to be
 shut up above 7 days, and then only the unclean per-
 son; but if he amended either before, or at the
 days end, then was he pronounced clean.

To conclude, This present Plague was fore-told by sundry
 learned and famous Artists; as Mr. Gadbury, in his *Ephemeris* for
 the present year, 1665. in the Moneth *April*, at which time the
 Sicknes first began to shew it self visible; notwithstanding it took
 its Rise at *Christmas*, he himself, with many others, being visited at
 that time.

It was also fore-told by Mr. Lillie, Mr. Booker, Mr. Trigge, and Mr.
 Andrews, who in the Judicials of the *Æstival Figure* thereof, had
 these words: *And in regard he (that is, Saturn) is in the sign of*
House [viz. the House of Death and Mortality] he doth thereby fore-
so prenote a Mortality, which will destroy & bring many to their Graves.
 And Mr. Trigge had these propheticall Expressions, in his *Observa-*
tions upon June, I very much fear a sickly Season in earnest; from which
evil God of his mercy protect this great and populous City, for Mars pos-
sesseth Gemini, the Ascendant of London. It is observable, that the
 Sicknes then began to encrease.

And the eminent Mr. Gadbury, from the apparition of those *Co-*
lestial Monitors the Comets, further expresseth, *That he bewails the*
World by reason of the many and terrible afflictions they denounce unto it.
 And after a consideration of the natural portents of the effects &
 influences of Comets or Blazing-Stars, he subjoyns these words;
When we consider these several dreadful significations, it may put us into
our Letany, From War, PLAGUE, and Famine,

Good Lord deliver Us.